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I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Arms and Ammunitions

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

* 759 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of gun licences issued during each of the last three years in South Kanara;

(*b*) the number of gun licence applications rejected during each of the last three years; and

(*c*) whether representations have been made to the Government for adopting a policy of liberal issue of licences for the protection of crops?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information but have called for it.

(*c*) Yes; from the Joint Secretary, Karkala Taluk Landholders' Association, Karkala.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know whether the Government have considered the representation made by the Karkala Taluk Landholders' Association asking the Government to adopt a policy of liberal issue of gun licences for the protection of crops? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" No Sir. According to rules, resolutions are not considered; if representation is made by a petition or a letter, it receives consideration."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I ask whether the Hon. the Home Member will be pleased to suggest to the Collector not to cancel licences merely on the ground of non-purchase of ammunition in a particular year, because the licensee might have used the ammunition he had purchased the previous year or he might have borrowed ammunition from his friends? "

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—" I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Forests

Scale of fees charged in Salem and Coimbatore for certain forest concessions.

* 760 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the rates are of fees for grazing, for collecting green manure and firewood in the reserved and panchayat forests in Salem and in Coimbatore districts;

(*b*) when the rates have been fixed;

(*c*) whether the rates have been cut down recently on account of the all-round depression; and

(*d*) if so, from how much to how much?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] furnishing the information is appended.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) Does not arise.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask why the grazing fee is six annas only in some cases and eight annas in others?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The fees are fixed according to the local conditions."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether in panchayat areas the panchayats have any discretion in the matter of levying the fees, or whether the Government fix the fees which the panchayats should levy?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That question should be addressed to my hon. Colleague the Revenue Member."

Irrigation

Disposal of the temporary staff at Cauvery-Mettur on completion of the Project.

* 761 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength is of the temporary staff employed at Cauvery-Mettur now;

(*b*) what the Government propose to do with them as soon as the project work is completed;

(*c*) whether there is any chance of taking them into the Public Works Department or other departments; and

(*d*) if they are to be ousted, whether any compensation or gratuity will be paid to them?

A.—(*a*) A statement[b] is laid on the table.

(*b*) & (*c*) The staff employed in the project consists of officers and subordinates of the Public Works Department and of other departments such as Revenue, Public Health and Medical. Permanent officers and subordinates of these departments will on the termination of their employment in the project revert to their respective departments. Men employed in the project who hold a superior lien on temporary or acting appointments in these departments will also revert to their departments. Clerks, typists, draughtsmen and tracers who have been recruited to the project direct have already been distributed over the different circles in the Public Works Department and this will enable their service in the Cauvery-Mettur Project being taken into account for purposes of retention in service and confirmation when, on their ceasing to be employed in the project, they revert to their circles.

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a Printed as Appendix I on pages 81–84 infra.

b Printed as Appendix II on pages 84–85 infra.